

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., Monday, April 14, 2008
City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847
San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Charlie Payne, Chair
Corinne Winter, Vice Chair
Donald Barnett
Marylou Avanzino
Jill Escher
Jim Bell
Lawrence DeSantis

Council Liaison

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

City Staff

David Maas, Airport
Harry Freitas, Airport
Steve Wilson, Airport

Absent

Luis Mendez
Bob Halem
Yolanda Reynolds
Lane Parker

Guests

Jon Graff
Chad Bowers

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Committee members requested that Old Business generally appear before new Business on the agenda. In cases where a speaker under New Business has a time constraint, agenda items for that particular meeting can be reordered to accommodate the speaker.
3. **Oral Petitions** – Mr. Graff mentioned three projects that VTA BPAC recently discussed: Sunnyvale's Mary/101 pedestrian overcrossing; San José's Blossom Hill/Monterey pedestrian overcrossing; and VTA's Bike Plan update.
4. **Approve Minutes of February 11, 2008** – Mr. Brazil noted that the minutes to be considered for approval are those of February 11, 2008, not March 10, 2008 as listed in the agenda. Member Avanzino moved approval; member Barnett seconded the motion. It was noted that David Hoag was a Guest at this meeting. The motion passed 6-0-1 (WHO ABSTAINED?)
5. **New Business**
- a. Airport Update** – Mr. Brazil introduced Harry Freitas with the Mineta San José International Airport. Mr. Freitas distributed materials and offered a PowerPoint

presentation describing airport expansion projects. Mr. Freitas described short-term and long-term expansion plans, current and forecasted traffic volumes, as well as planned improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. Pedestrian improvements include sidewalks and raised crosswalks in terminal areas. Bicycle improvements include wide outside lanes in the terminal area and bike racks in garages. Mr. Freitas also noted that the Airport contributed funding to construction of the Guadalupe River Trail in the Airport area.

Committee members requested improved pedestrian crossings of Airport Boulevard, including a signalized crossing at Airport Parkway. Mr. Freitas referred to handouts showing that traffic signal warrant studies did not support a traffic signal at this location under current or future/planned traffic volumes. However, he noted that future improvements will include a marked crosswalk with a pedestrian island.

Committee members generally requested improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities to and through the airport from all directions including from Coleman Avenue, Guadalupe River Trail, Green Island Bridge, Airport Parkway, and Skyport Drive. Committee members requested a status report from Airport staff at least once a year.

b. Transportation Development Act, Article III – Mr. Brazil reported on the City of San José's annual grant application for Transportation Development Act, Article III (TDA3). This annual state grant distributes to cities a small portion of sales tax collected. Amounts are distributed based on city population. San Jose expects to receive about \$600,000 for fiscal year 2008-09. Historically, over the last nine years, 67% of TDA3 funding has gone to close sidewalk gaps. The remaining 32% has funded ADA curb ramps, bike lane projects, and School Safety programs. Mr. Brazil explained the funding limitations and the type of projects eligible for funding. He then described the process staff uses to evaluate and recommend projects. Mr. Brazil distributed a recommended project list and answered questions. Chair Payne moved to recommend the project list to city council; Member Bell seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1. (WHO ABSTAINED?)

c. San José Bike Plan and VTA Bicycle Expenditure Plan – Mr. Brazil reported that San José has begun work on an administrative update of the City's Bike Plan. The update will be developed internally by staff and will include progress reports to, and opportunities for input from, BPAC. Staff hopes to bring the bike plan update to City Council this fall.

VTA is updating its Bicycle Expenditure Plan. The BEP identifies funding for high-cost bicycle and pedestrian projects that are identified by cities as top priorities. San José funding priorities identified by city council continue to be Guadalupe River Trail, Coyote Creek Trail, and Los Gatos Creek Trail. Other priorities include pedestrian overcrossings at Monterey/Blossom Hill, Coleman/Almaden Expressway, and Branham/101.

d. Bike/Ped Collision Analysis – Mr. Brazil distributed the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Collision Analysis report for Second Quarter 2007 (Apr – Jun). The part-time intern position that prepares these reports was unfunded during most of 2005 through 2006. The position was refunded and filled in 2007. The intern is now working to catch up on analysis and reporting of the past three years, which includes about 1000 collision reports. Committee members discussed and accepted the report.

6. Old Business

a. 2008 Bike to Work Day Planning – Mr. Brazil reported on regional Bike to Work Day (BTWD) and Bike to Work Week planning. The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition is coordinating this event for Santa Clara County. San José will again host an Energizer Station (rest stop) at MLK Library on the morning of BTWD, May 15, 2008. He requested volunteers to help staff this station, to fit and distribute free helmets, and to seek food and drink donations for distribution. The City of San José will also be hosting the Mayor's VIP public bike ride with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Committee members suggested a ribbon-cutting event for new Crosstown Route 11. Mr. Brazil will organize an event and seek his department director or other VIP to host. Member Winters described other Bike To Work Week activities including the Bike Away From Work Bash on the evening of May 15 at Gordon Biersch in downtown San José.

b. Ped & ADA Sidewalk Master Plan – The pre-final drafts are nearly complete. Over the last year and a half, the Committee received three project status reports and provided input. Comments have been forwarded to the consultant. Staff will provide an update when the report is scheduled to go to Council this summer or fall.

c. Crosstown Signed Bikeway Pilot Project – Mr. Brazil reported that the signs for Crosstown Route 11 have been installed. Committee members requested a ribbon-cutting event. Mr. Brazil will organize an event and seek a city VIP to host it.

d. Wrong-Way Signage Pilot Project – No new information.

e. Bike Friendly Signal Detection – No new information.

f. Bike Lane Projects – Mr. Brazil provided a status report on this fiscal year's five bike lane projects. The projects are scheduled for completion by June 30.

g. VTA BPAC update – No update was provided.

- 7. Staff Report** – Mr. Brazil provided the following informational items. The Downtown Association will be using a few Segways in the downtown area. On April 22, 2008, Mayor Reed will be leading an Earth Day Bike Ride. This event is open to the public. Mr. Brazil will email details to BPAC members. The Bike/Ped Program has begun implementing its bike rack grant and has installed several dozen bike racks in Japantown with more to follow in other parts of town.

- 8. Committee Member Comments** – Member Bell reminded the Committee of its four priorities for fiscal year 2007-08: (1) Crosstown Numbered Bikeway; (2) Bike Friendly Signal Detection; (3) change BPAC reporting structure; and (4) apply for Bicycle Friendly Communities award. Three of the four goals have been accomplished or addressed.

Member Escher said: (1) eastbound Payne near Winchester is missing bike lane striping; (2) Hedding freeway underpass needs to be cleaned of pigeon poop.

Member Avanzino asked for: (1) a discussion on coordination of Pavement Maintenance with Bike Lane projects; and (2) a large Bikeway Map printout for the meeting.

- 9. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.